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EVALUATION OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether independent evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes is being done;

(b) if so, the details of norms being followed in regard to evaluation of these schemes;

(c) the details of organisations and agencies making such evaluation; and

(d) the outcome of evaluation made in this regard during the last three years and current year as well?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): The Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) has been set up as an independent agency for evaluation of development programmes being implemented under the Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The PEO undertakes evaluation of selected programmes/schemes under implementation as per the requirement of various divisions of the Planning Commission and the Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India. The evaluation studies are designed to assess the performance, process of implementation, effectiveness of the delivery system and impact of programmes. These studies are diagnostic and aim at identifying the factors contributing to success and failure of various programmes and derive lessons for meeting the requirements of the existing schemes through mid course corrections and better performance of future programmes.

During the last 3 years, the PEO has conducted evaluation studies of 7 schemes which include the following three Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

(a) Non- Formal Education
(b) State Pollution Control Boards
(c) Employment Assurance Scheme